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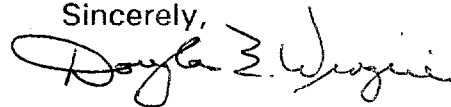
Dear Dr. Henney:

I write to urge the FDA to follow the lead of the European Union and move immediately to ban animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine.

As you must know, overuse of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock has been linked to the emergence of antibiotic-resistant diseases. Fearing a rise in untreatable infectious diseases, the EU has banned all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics used in human medicine. However, unfortunately the U.S. FDA has as yet taken no like action.

This could soon become critical to the health of all American citizens, so I ask you to take this action with no further delay.


Sincerely,



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